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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	4395th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Ninth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/970)

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Consultation Room

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

) a.m.- 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and nsideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda ems 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. 1); A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/182, A/56/165, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item* 77 (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item 78* (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23); [A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3, A/C.1/56/4 and A/C.1/56/INF.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

) a.m. - 1 p.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115] (A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453, A/56/488)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	21st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.8/Rev.1, L.10/Rev.1 and L.12/Rev.1

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6 and statement of programme budget implications as contained in document A/C.3/56/L.19

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.4, L.5 and L.16

4. International drug control [111]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 120 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/56/5/Add.5) and Implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors (A/56/66 and Add.1, A/56/132 and A/56/436) and 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Development account (A/55/913 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Part I Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (A/56/6 (Sections 1-2), and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16))

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

UNAMSIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2001

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 and programme budget implications E/2001/L.47/Rev.1)

Change of date for the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council 2002

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	45th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

   Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

   Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.45/Rev.2 and programme budget implications contained in E/2001/L.47/Rev.1

   Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

   Action on draft decision E/2001/L.48

   Change of date for the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council, 2002

2. Coordination, programme and other questions [7]

   (a) Reports of coordination bodies

   Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.50

3. Economic and environmental questions [13]

   (a) Sustainable development

   Action on draft resolution E/2001/L.49

   (d) Human settlements (A/56/8)

   Action on draft resolution 18/1 contained in the report of the Commission on Human Settlements

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Economic and Social Council.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 24 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 24 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP AND AFRICAN GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP
(First Committee)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 24 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Least Developed Countries *today*, 24 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 24 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 24 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Meeting the Millennium Development Goals: Implementing Goal 3 on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women" *today*, 24 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Presenters will be Karen Mason, Director of the World Bank's Gender and Development Group, Angela King, Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, and Noeleen Heyzer, Director of the UN Fund for Women (UNIFEM). All interested delegations are invited to attend. For information, call (212) 986-8306.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 25 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 7th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia will take place on Thursday, 25 October 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel Discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Capacity Building and Poverty Eradication-Lessons from Evaluations", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 26 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator, Impact Evaluation of Operational Activities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Ms. Joyce Mapunjo, Assistant Commissioner, Ministry of Finance, United Republic of Tanzania; Dr. Meena Acharya, evaluator and author on gender and poverty issues, Nepal; Dr. Kenneth King, former Minister of Economic Development, Guyana; and Mr. Haven North, former Chairman of the Development Assistance Committee/Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Expert Group on Aid Evaluation.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 209th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax: (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will hold a meeting on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with participation of all interested delegations, for the purpose of reviewing the draft text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing 2002 (as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/PC/L.9), in preparation for the resumed session of the Preparatory Committee on 10 December 2001.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group ɔm 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in Conference Room 8 on Thursday, 25 ctober 2001, Thursday, 1 November, and Thursday, 8 No- mber.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the on-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from) a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Cham- er.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second Vorld Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 25 October 2001, rom 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Vhole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Friday, 26 October 001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Terrorism and Disarma- ıent", sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, n Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the)ag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The symposium, will e opened by the Under Secretary-General for Disarmament ffairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and epresentatives of non-governmental organizations are invited ɔ attend. For further information, please contact the Depart- ıent (e-mail: ddaweb@un.org; tel.: (212) 963-2389/3980).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peacebuilding. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 8 and Friday, 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Belarus, China, Oman, Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Cuba, Jordan, and Finland (also on behalf of Sweden).

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.35.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.24.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.25.

The representative of India introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.12 and A/C.1/56/L.14.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.1.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.26.

The representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.36.

The representative of Uzbekistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.48.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.45.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of members of New Agenda) introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.15.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.49.

Statements were made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of Israel and Egypt.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States have become co-sponsors to the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.1, Haiti; A/C.1/56/L.7, Benin; A/C.1/56/L.10, Uruguay; A/C.1/56/L.12, Nepal; A/C.1/56/L.13, Nepal, Benin and Sierra Leone; A/C.1/56/L.24, Benin; A/C.1/56/L.30, Greece; A/C.1/56/L.32, Uruguay; A/C.1/56/L.34, Uruguay and Benin; A/C.1/56/L.37, Greece; A/C.1/56/L.39, Uruguay; A/C.1/56/L.40, Uruguay, Benin and Georgia; A/C.1/56/L.41, Greece; A/C.1/56/L.43, Uruguay and Brazil; A/C.1/56/L.45, Benin, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Bolivia, Congo, Costa Rica, Philippines, Samoa, Guyana, Sudan and Tonga; A/C.1/56/L.47, Uruguay and Benin; and A/C.1/56/L.50, India.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 11th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [86]

The Committee continued its general debate with statements by the representatives of Slovakia, the United States, Japan, India, Malaysia, Egypt, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Cuba, Ukraine, Peru, the Syrian Arab Republic, Burkina Faso and Nigeria.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United States and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.12/Rev.1**

The representative of Portugal, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Guatemala, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Slovenia, South Africa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ethiopia, Georgia, Madagascar, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.16

The representative of the Sudan introduced, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States, the draft resolution and orally corrected the text.

Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

International drug control [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.18

The representative of Mexico introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, and Ukraine, the draft resolution. Benin, Bhutan, Chad, the Gambia, Kenya, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Nigeria, the Sudan and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item. Statements were made by Cyprus, Ecuador, Cuba, Egypt, Algeria, Peru, Uganda, Sudan, Republic of Korea, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Côte d'Ivoire (on behalf of ECOWAS), New Zealand and Colombia.

Statements were also made by the observers for the Holy See and Switzerland.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/436).

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement.

The Controller and Director of the Division of Resources Management of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees replied to questions raised.

The Director of External Audit and Chairperson of the Audit Operations Committee of the Philippines made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ayman M. Elgammal (Egypt).

Pattern of conferences [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, Mr. Abdelmalek Bouheddou (Algeria), introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/32).

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/133, A/56/188, A/56/213 and Corr.1, A/56/261, A/56/277, A/56/293, A/56/299, A/56/300).

The Director of the Information Technology Services Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/120/Rev.1).

The representative of the publications Service of the Department of Public Information introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/339).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/56/475).

Statements in the general discussion of the item were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya, Argentina, China, Belarus and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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1968th and 1969th (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [7]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Guatemala (23 October 2001)

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Security Briefing

A briefing for delegations regarding security arrangements for the general debate will take place on Friday, 26 October 2001, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 4. The subject of responding to hazardous materials will also be discussed at the briefing. The Security and Safety Service would be grateful for confirmation of your intention to attend. Messages can be left by voice mail on telephone number (212) 963-9346 or sent by e-mail to Jacob Chacko/NY/UNO.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD

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